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'PATHWAYS TO HISTORY' TOUR EXPLORES THE GREATNESS OF SANFORD

Sanford is a beautiful city nestled along Lake Monroe, unique for its diversity, cultural amenities, and rich history. And what better way to learn about Sanford's heritage than to stroll through Sanford under the comfort of blue skies during this great time of year, while enjoying a history lesson about one of the oldest historic cities in Florida! Pathways to History, a series of eight self-guided tours, makes this possible.

The Pathways to History tours encompass the Downtown Commercial District, Sanford's Residential Historic District, Historic Goldsboro, and

Historic Georgetown. The parks, waterfront development, and the history itself are all part of these wonderful tours, designed by Christine Dalton, AICP, that give visitors a sense of the grandeur of Sanford.

"Sanford is an extraordinary city," says Christine, who is with the City Planning Department's Historic Preservation Office. "The city's history is as rich as many other nationally recognized historic communities such as St. Augustine and Charleston. Because so many visitors come to our community for this unique cultural experience, it creates a positive impact on the local economy." Indeed, the tours provide travelers arriving from the Orlando Sanford International Airport, the Sanford Amtrak Auto Train, (and soon) the Sanford SunRail station, the opportunity to experience the uniqueness of the city.

The historic preservation efforts in Sanford can be so eloquently seen from within the neighborhoods of Georgetown, Sanford Avenue, and Historic Goldsboro Boulevard, to the late 19th-century architecture in Sanford's residential and commercial historic district. Visiting these locations are true pleasures not only to historic preservation aficionados, but also to anyone who simply wants to learn about the rich history of the Sanford community.

The tours may be accessed by scanning QR codes found on the back of the current Pathways to History brochures, available at the Historic Sanford Welcome Center, Sanford Museum, and City Hall's Public Information Office. The QR codes are also imprinted on the information kiosk centrally located in downtown Sanford. Tour information can be found on the city's website at SanfordFL.gov by accessing the Planning Department Historic Preservation page.

Individual tour brochures will soon be available at various locations, including the Orlando Sanford International Airport, Seminole Towne Center Mall, Sanford's Amtrak AutoTrain, Sanford's SunRail station, Historic Sanford Welcome Center, Chamber of Commerce, and local museums.

Take a journey through history and learn about Sanford's cultural amenities found within the city's newly created Pathways to History self-guided tours.



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